

REMARKS

Claims 11-77 are cancelled, leaving claims 1-10 pending in the application. In response to the Examiner's request for restriction of the claims, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I of the various Groups identified by the Examiner in the December 2, 2004 Office Action. The Examiner indicates that Group I contains claims 1 and 3-8. Applicant respectfully submits that it appears Group I actually contains claims 1-10, and accordingly has left all of claims 1-10 pending in the application.

The Examiner requests that Applicant elect one species from each of lettered groups A-F (actually, the Examiner requests one species from lettered groups A-E, but then lists groups A-F, so Applicant assumes that the Examiner actually intended for Applicant to elect one species from the letter groups A-F). Applicant hereby elects groups A-1, B-1, C-1, E-1 and F-1; group D doesn't apply since Applicant elected A-1. Applicant notes that group A-1 can be generic to group A-2 since a construction comprising three layers also comprises two layers, and similarly group F-1 can be generic to group F-2. Claims 1-3 are generic to all of the Examiner's identified species, and claims 4, 9 and 10 read directly on various of the species elected by the Applicant.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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